

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
VILLAGE OF METAMORA, IL., HELD JULY 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Metamora was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Village Clerk, Bylle Long, called the roll call.

Present were: President: Cummings

Trustees: Nauman, Weyeneth, Glueck, Bowers and Alig

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the regular meeting held July 5, 2023, were reviewed. Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the Minutes with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

The Warrant List was reviewed. Trustee Alig made a motion for approval with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Recognize Guests/Public Comment

Dawn Smith of the Illinois Public Library informed the Board the library has now re-opened at their temporary location across the lot from Goodfield Bank. The remodeling of the location on Partridge St. should take about 6 months.

Courtney Genard, of Eli's, addressed the Board with a request for permission to block off a portion of Partridge St. on August 26th for their "Play Music on the Porch" event. They had this last year and it was a great success.

Trustee Nauman made a motion to approve her request with Trustee Weyeneth seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Dawn Deeb, 309 S. Wetmore, addressed the Board with several issues and complaints. Her main complaints were the website and the Comprehensive Plan put forth in 2014. It was explained to her the village has now hired professional help and is working to update and correct any and all information on the website. The mayor stated that it is up to other entities to inform the administration office of any changes they may have in their information posted on the website. The village can't make the changes or corrections it we don't know about them.

As far as the Comprehensive Plan, she wanted the village to schedule a community wide planning event to review the plans. She felt the majority of the objectives on the plan have never been met. She was informed by the mayor that our Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year plan which will be reviewed and updated at the 10-year mark. The mayor has that scheduled for next year, 2024, the 10-year mark. Then he went through the plan, informing her of the many, many objectives that have and are being met.

She felt the village was not reaching out to the residents to inform them of what is happening. It was mentioned to her that 99% of the time, there is only a handful of residents that come to a board meeting to show any interest in what is actually going on.

She complained of the town sign not working. She was informed the village does not own the sign, MABA does, and even when it was working, IDOT would not allow the village to advertise and/or promote anything as the sign is on a right-of-way. That issue is out of our hands.

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Walker spoke to the board also. They wanted to know why the silo was allowed to stand when it was such a blight. Couldn't the village condemn it and make the owner demolish it. The attorney explained to them the village is bound by law, which states as long as any structure is sound, it can't be condemned.

The houses across from Do-It-Up Hair Design were mentioned as being an eye-sore and junkie. They questioned why they were allowed to be this way. They were informed the property is zoned commercial and the properties are not in violation of any ordinance.

Mr. Walker stated that Washington St. is now a main road to the north subdivision and should be redone and expanded for traffic. Bob Kohlhaus, of Farnsworth, explained that would be a project similar to the one on Glen in Peoria, between Knoxville and Sheridan Rd. This would not be a viable option for Metamora because of the cost.

Mayor's Report

Nathan Henricks of Genesis Group Consulting, which is our energy procurement manager for the village, addressed the board regarding the electrical rates. He suggested the Village go with Constellation again as their rates are lower than Ameren at this time. He did recommend the village only sign a 9-month agreement as come May 2024, Ameren will hold their capacity auction.

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to approve going with Constellation until May 2024 with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Jeff Gaston presented the following:

Revised Ordinance for Noise-Related Nuisance for Early-Hour & Late-Night Waste Hauling Activities.

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

MOU with Laborer's Union for Additional Salary Adjustments

Trustee Weyeneth made a motion for approval with Trustee Nauman seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Approval of License Agreement to MTCO for Sign on Village Right-of-Way

Trustee Nauman made a motion for approval with Trustee Alig seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

He informed the Board that there is new requirement for mandatory cyber security training for village employees. Additional information from the attorney's office will be forthcoming on this new law.

Engineer's Report

Bob Kolhaus gave updates on the following:

1. Niles St. Watermain Project
2. Drainage Improvements with McDonald's at 826 Progress St.
3. Seal Coating & Spray Patch work to start this week or next.

He spoke of the Streetscape Planning around the square. In 2018, a request to Rep. Ryan Spain was made for funding support to set a Master Plan. The funding was not granted. In the current 2023 effort, he suggested taking smaller steps recognizing the full improvement buildout will take years in the completion. He stated the creation of the 5-member advisory committee to come up with broad ideas and priorities before opening the meetings to the public for their opinions and ideas was a good way to start this effort.

Trustee Nauman asked Bob if he could come up with an approximate cost to replace the bricks around the square versus the stamping method we used at the two Rt 116 intersections. Bob said the bricks would be 3-4 times more expensive to replace and that's if we could even find them. We had to transport them from out of state when we replaced the intersections at Partridge and Menard & Davenport and Partridge. Then, in probably 10-12 years they would need replaced again.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Garber gave the following report:

CASH BALANCES

Cash balances as of May 31, 2023 increased \$80,721, at a 1.19% increase from April 30, 2023.

MAJOR RECEIPTS

State of Illinois --- Taxes	\$ 162,280
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State of Illinois --- Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 13,870
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MAJOR DISBURSEMENTS

Ameren	\$ 19,878
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Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 11,512
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Brenntag	\$ 12,281
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Farnsworth	\$ 22,081
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INVESTMENTS

Funds were invested during the month of May 2023 in the Money Market at Commerce Bank earning interest at 1%. The Goodfield State Bank Money Market earned interest at .45%. The Insured Cash Sweep Account at Goodfield State Bank earned interest at 1.65%. Goodfield State Bank CD's earned quarterly interest at .399% and .349% in May 2023.

Public Works Dept.

There was no report, but Trustee Nauman reminded everyone of the committee meeting set for July 25th.

Police/Fire/ESD

Trustee Bowers made a motion to approve the new 3-year Employment Contract for Police Chief Rebman. Trustee Glueck seconded and with a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed.

Finance, Economic Development, Insurance, Special Projects

Trustee Weyeneth informed the Board, he and several other people will be taking a trip to Rosemont and Bensonville this Friday to tour a couple of sports domes for ideas of what could be possible, with funding, for the village to construct on the east property. Many sports entities in Metamora and Germantown are very interested and involved in the possibility of this project.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

The was none.

Executive Session – If Requested

There were no requests.

Adjourn

With no more to discuss, Trustee Weyeneth made a motion to adjourn with Trustee Glueck seconding. With a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Bylle Long

Village Clerk